

Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at line 7, page 10 as follows:

The aqueous phase is removed by decanting and the crude product is extracted on a ~~Dowex®~~ DOWEX® (ion exchange resin) resin column by washing in succession with methanol and then chloroform before eluting with a solution of ammonia. The residue is purified by chromatography on a silica gel column, eluting with a 90/10/1 mixture of chloroform, methanol and ammonia. This gives 0.167 g of product in the form of oil, which is dissolved in 2 ml of isopropyl alcohol to form an ethanedioate by adding 0.051 g (0.057 mmol) of ethanedioic acid in solution in isopropyl alcohol. This gives 0.188 g of crystallized product.